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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: DUANE, Patrick J.

Appl. No.: 09/998,766

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For: **Apparatus for Temporary  
Intraluminal Protection**

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 16, 2004, Applicant submits the following amendment and reply.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.